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SUBJ: LOCAL TAXES ON U. S. BASES

1. BEGIN SUMMARY. OKINAWAN REFORMISTS HAVE QUICKLY EMBRACED THE DECISION OF THE MISAWA CITY ASSEMBLY TO CONSIDER THE FEASIBILITY OF COLLECTING A VARIETY OF LOCAL TAXES FROM U.S. FORCES MILITARY AND CIVILIAN PERSONNEL. END SUMMARY.

2. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, A STUDY COMMISSIONED BY MISAWA CITY CONCLUDED THAT THE LAW EXEMPTING U.S. FORCES PERSONNEL FROM LOCAL TAXES CONFLICTS WITH JAPANESE CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS THAT QTE ALL OF THE PEOPLE ARE EQUAL UNDER THE LAW UNQTE. (INTERESTINGLY THE PHRASE QTE THE PEOPLE UNQTE IS USED IN THE ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF THE CONSTITUTION FOR THE WORD QTE KOKUMIN UNQTE MORE ACCURATELY TRANSLATED AS QTE NATIONAL UNQTE OR NATIONALS.)

3. KOZA AND KADENA HAVE ALREADY SENT REPRESENTATIVES TO CONFER WITH MISAWA OFFICIALS, AND OTHER OKINAWAN MAYORS HAVE EXPRESSED ENTHUSIASM OVER THE PROSPECTS FOR TAPPING THIS NEW SOURCE OF REVENUE. NAHA MAYOR TAIRA REPORTEDLY REFERRED TO THE DIFFICULTY

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OF ONE CITY ENTERING INTO A PROTRACTED COURT TEST AND SUGGESTED

THAT REFORMIST MAJORS CONSIDER JOINTLY HOW BEST TO PROCEED.

4. COMMENT. THE REFORMIST POLITICOS AND THE LOCAL PRESS HERE
WILL NOT DOUBT EXPLOIT THE TAX EXEMPTION ISSUE FOR ALL ITS WORTH,
EVEN THOUGH THEY PROBABLY DO NOT EXPECT ACTUALLY EVER TO TAX THE
AMERICANS. AT VERY LEAST THE ISSUE WILL PROVIDE AN APPEALING
BASIS FOR DEMANDING MORE GOJ ASSISTANCE FOR BASE IMPACTED AREAS.

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